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Dear Ms. Nguyen,

Attached please find the results of your search request for application #09/669,556. I found mainly anecdotal references to the specified idea, but nothing that featured all of the described elements. I searched Dialog's foreign patent files, technical databases, product announcement files and general files; along with NEC's Research Index database.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

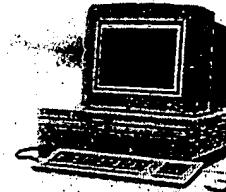
Regards,


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Search Results

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Voluntary Results Feedback Form

> I am an examiner in Workgroup: Example: 2170

> Relevant prior art found, search results used as follows:

- 102 rejection
- 103 rejection
- Cited as being of interest.
- Helped examiner better understand the invention.
- Helped examiner better understand the state of the art in their technology.

Types of relevant prior art found:

- Foreign Patent(s)
- Non-Patent Literature
(Journal articles, conference proceedings, new product announcements etc.)

> Relevant prior art not found:

- Results verified the lack of relevant prior art (helped determine patentability).
- Search results were not useful in determining patentability or understanding the invention.

Other Comments:

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